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Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO 63103. *Admissibility for a class of quasiregular  
representations.*

We address the question of the existence of wavelets for a class of non-commutative domains. Given a semidirect product  $G = N \rtimes H$  where  $N$  is any nilpotent, connected, simply connected Lie group and where  $H$  is a vector group for which  $\text{ad}(\mathfrak{h})$  is completely reducible and  $\mathbb{R}$ -split, let  $\tau$  denote the quasiregular representation of  $G$  in  $L^2(N)$ . An element  $\psi \in L^2(N)$  is said to be admissible if the wavelet transform  $f \mapsto \langle f, \tau(\cdot)\psi \rangle$  defines an isometry from  $L^2(N)$  into  $L^2(G)$ . In this paper we give an explicit construction of admissible vectors in the case where  $G$  is not unimodular and the stabilizers in  $H$  of its action on  $\hat{N}$  are almost-everywhere trivial. In this situation we prove orthogonality relations and we construct an explicit decomposition of  $L^2(G)$  into  $G$ -invariant, multiplicity-free subspaces each of which is the image of a wavelet transform. We also show that, with the assumption of (almost-everywhere) trivial stabilizers, non-unimodularity is necessary for the existence of admissible vectors. (Received September 13, 2005)